

Tillman, Tressa

From: Anderson, Israel
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Tillman, Tressa
Subject: FW: Crossett meeting - request for support

See Gilrein's response to Arturo. Arturo has sent a note to both Honker and David Garcia in 6WQ but hasn't received a response yet.

From: Blanco, Arturo
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:34 PM
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Subject: RE: Crossett meeting - request for support

We are convening the meeting for the first time. Our preference has been to have the state agencies in the meeting. At one point in time we did but the negotiation has been challenging and it came down to a decision by the company and the citizens; just them and us. If the meeting goes well, I envision both GP and the citizens build from the first meeting incorporating the state agencies later.

Thank you, Steve for your support.

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Arturo,

We will send a person, but do not believe we should be the "lead" on anything; we will, however, provide whatever technical assistance you need. Since the focus of the meeting is to discuss community concerns about environmental odors and hydrogen sulfide emissions, it's very unfortunate the State (ADEQ and ADH) will not be there. We do not have any enforcement authority over odors and the actions we have taken and

plan to take will have negligible impact to these concerns. Also, from an oversight perspective, ADEQ is the permitting agency for all environmental permits and is the lead enforcement agency. I hope you reconsider.

I anticipate both the Air and Water Divisions sending staff as well. We plan to send a water engineer.

From: Blanco, Arturo
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 12:57 PM
To: Blevins, John <Blevins.John@epa.gov>
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John, if you responded I missed your email. Please let me know today. Thanks

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From: Stenger, Wren
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John, it seems that you may have staff that are most familiar with all of the stated concerns and could best address most of the issues in addition to possibly guiding GP in some next steps. Would you take the lead on this? Now, having said this, if it isn't accurate or we are needed, Air will provide a person to attend. Let me know so we can support Arturo.

From: Blanco, Arturo
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 5:02:57 PM
To: Stenger, Wren; Blevins, John; Honker, William
Subject: Crossett meeting - request for support

Dear Colleagues,

I need your support for a stakeholder meeting between Crossett Concerned Citizens for Environmental Justice and Georgia-Pacific LLC (GP) on August 16, 2016, in Crossett, Arkansas. Things have changed since we talked last, and the change incremented our need for having staff participation from your program. This meeting originally would include staff from ADEQ and ADH. However, after back and forth negotiations, both the community group and GP have informed us that they would like to proceed with a smaller group that includes just themselves and staff from EPA Region 6. The focus of the meeting is to discuss community concerns

about environmental odors and hydrogen sulfide emissions. The reason for the request for programmatic support is so that we are prepared to adequately respond to the related air, water, and enforcement elements of this issue. For example, we know that community members have expressed concern about odors and emissions from the facility as well as the wastewater treatment system. This will be the first time that the concerned citizens and GP meet directly face to face. Having staff who can respond to questions on these issues will help us maximize this opportunity to move the needle forward with both the community and the facility.

Please let me know by tomorrow or early Friday. I would like to give Sam a heads up before meeting with him on Monday.

Thank you,

Arturo

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